



Quaffing



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April 2007

Before our current season of tastings comes to its traditional finale at Rosie's Vineyard, we have two excellent tastings for you: Firstly from Bush Wines, a look at some distinctive wines from Spain followed in June by English wine presented by Stephen Skelton MW. I've no doubt that these will both be very good and urge to you book up and come along in good number!

It is also time for membership renewal - we need to receive your membership renewal forms and cheques as close to the 1st May as possible. Each year it often takes considerable time and effort to issue reminders and chase up renewals so please endeavour to return yours on time! New members since March will not be charged as their first renewal will be in May 2008. Please also be sure to check that we have up-to-date and correct details for you.

Bob Hawthorne

Forthcoming Events

All tastings are held at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth at 7pm unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday 1 st May 2007	Bush Wines - Spain
Tuesday 5 th June 2007	English Wine
Tuesday 3 rd July 2007	Summer Garden Party - Rosie's Vineyard

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Stephen Skelton MW

Stephen Skelton started growing grapes and making wine in the UK in 1977, having spent the previous two years training in Germany. In that year he established the vineyards at Tenterden, Kent, now home to Chapel Down Wines, the largest producer of UK-grown wines, and made wine there for 22 consecutive vintages.

He was also winemaker and general manager at Lamberhurst Vineyards (then the UK's largest winery) from 1988-1991. Wines he made won the Gore-Browne Trophy for the "English Wine of the Year" on three occasions. Although he stopped making wine in 1999, he now consults to other growers and winemakers and is currently involved with planting several new vineyards, as well as advising existing ones.

Stephen has been a Director, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the United Kingdom Vineyards Association and has written two books on UK vineyards: *The Vineyards of England* in 1988 and *The Wines of Britain and Ireland* in 2001. The latter book won the André Simon Award for Drinks Book of the Year.

Stephen is also a Master of Wine and is Wine Coordinator for the MW Education Committee.

The aim of this tasting is to show the range of grape varieties and styles of wine currently being produced in the UK and will feature still white, rosé and red wines, as well as bottle-fermented sparkling wines.

Bush Wines

We started our small wine business in 2005, with the aim of promoting wines from Spain made by the smaller and more innovative producers of all the major wine-making areas. Our list is slowly expanding, and our current 40 items also includes half a dozen wines from England and New Zealand.

The quality of Spanish viticulture and winemaking has increased dramatically over the last 10 years, and we believe that Spain now offers just as good value for money as wines from the New World while beating the Southern Hemisphere hands down for style and, above all, variety. There is so much more to Spanish wine than Rioja and Sherry!

Based in Westbourne, near Emsworth, we do not have a shop but sell our wines through promotional tastings and other events. We offer free local delivery for orders of 6 bottles or more, and a discount of 5% on a mixed case of 12 bottles or more.

We also offer tutored tastings for groups, with glasses and notes all provided. Please contact us by email at bushvines@clara.co.uk or telephone 01243 378618.

Bob and Chrissy Harbroe-Bush

June Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 5th June 2007 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

Stephen Skelton MW - English Wine

I/We would like to attend the Stephen Skelton English tasting. Guests are welcome.

Please reserve places at **£12.50** per head - Total enclosed £.....

Name:.....Telephone:.....

Send cheques payable to **“Portsmouth Wine Society”** to:

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By Tuesday 22nd May 2007

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May Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 1st May 2007 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

Bush Wines - Distinctive Wines from Spain

I/We would like to attend the Bush Wines Spanish Tasting.

Please reserve places at **£10** per head - Total enclosed £.....

Name:.....Telephone:.....

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